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Country: Poland/Netherlands/Rhodesia/Japan.

Subject: Alleged Polish Efforts to Purchase Selenium and other Strategic Materials Outside the Orbit.

Place Acquired: [REDACTED] 25X1A6a

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1. "The Polish Government is planning a new way to obtain badly needed strategic raw materials from the West for use in the USSR, China and the Soviet-occupied countries. The most wanted materials are cadmium, cobalt, tellurium, cerium, tantalum, radium, selenium, chromium, lithium, zirconium and mercury."
2. "Two Polish firms, Hartwig & Co. and Anglo-Dal, which have branches in London, have received instructions to purchase these materials in Western countries. The purchases are to be made in small quantities in order not to arouse suspicion. The loading is to be carried out on the open sea, beyond territorial waters. These materials are also to be re-exported to other Western countries before final shipment to Poland."
3. "A Dutch firm [not specified] has already agreed to purchase selenium from Rhodesia and from Japan, allegedly for use in the Netherlands. From there it will be smuggled to Poland. The quantity of selenium is rather small-200 or 300 kilograms, and its smuggling should not be difficult."

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